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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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|                    | <b>ORIGINAL DATE</b> 1/22/07  |                             |                            |
| <b>SPONSOR</b>     | Madalena  | <b>LAST UPDATED</b> 2/14/07 | <b>HB</b> 69/aHVEC         |
| <b>SHORT TITLE</b> | Making An Appropriation to Bureau of Elections for Additional Personnel |                             | <b>SB</b>                  |
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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation |        | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07          | FY08   |                         |                  |
|               | \$74.0 | Recurring               | General Fund     |
|               |        |                         |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HVEC

Voters and Election Committee Amendment #1 increases the appropriation to \$110 thousand.

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 69 appropriates \$74,000 from the general fund to the bureau of elections in the Secretary of State's office to fund 2 FTE to serve as Native American voting coordinators.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

A \$74,000 appropriation will allow the Secretary of State to cover personal service and benefits for two positions.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Native American participation in elections is adds an important value to New Mexico but it requires education within the community for the Native American community cast an informed ballots. Many Native American people rely on an oral tradition. In other words, they depend on

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verbal communication to receive news. The oral tradition requires face-to-face contact and greater community outreach making voter education labor intensive.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Secretary of State lacks space for the position.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Failure to enact this bill may result in decreased Native American participation in elections.

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